

# THE PART PICTURES MUST PLAY IN THE EDUCATION OF THE CHILD

NO ONE institution, not excepting the public school, is playing a greater part in molding the character of the next generation than the moving picture. The average child, nowadays, begins seeing motion pictures long before he enters the school room and keeps on seeing them all through the impressionable age. The movies are one of our greatest educational institutions and as such should receive the attention of the public, just as do our schools.

The movies are here to stay and 69 percent of our children are going to see them. This might as well be accepted as a fact and reformers would do well to devote their energies toward seeing that the right kind of pictures are shown and not waste any time lamenting a condition which is here.

The motion picture industry is promoted to make money. Many producers probably give little thought to the effect pictures will have on children. That is a little out of their line, as they naturally cater to the money spending public, and the public up to this time has shown more interest in films that merely entertain than in those of an educational nature. Hence in seeking a means of putting before the children the kind of films that will really benefit them, it will be necessary to look elsewhere than to the big producers.

In some cities free movies are maintained for children and at these are shown films calculated to turn the minds of the young in the right direction. This movement is a big step toward solving the problem, but it is not enough. It must be realized that children learn more from the movies than they do from books or from teachers. The advent of the cinematograph into the public schools and Sunday schools is probably the next move that will be made.

There is no good reason why children should not be taught the things they should know through the medium of the screen. Not only will impressions thus created be more lasting than those gained through books, but the school itself will be an attraction to the children, and with their interest centered on the subject the battle of teaching is more than half won.

Once the child's interest is attracted to movies which uplift, their desire for the time novel variety will diminish. A little wholesome comedy interspersed with educational films would probably help to bring about the desired results. It is an experiment worth trying, anyway.

If it is right to confiscate the automobile that brings booze into the United States from Mexico, it ought also to be right to confiscate the car that runs down and kills a child.

As long as we have men who will pay \$20,000 for the North Pole in the middle of winter, no form of government will be entirely fool proof.

Forty-three were killed in an explosion in a German ammunition factory. What is Germany doing with an ammunition factory?

Nickels and dimes can no longer be correctly called chicken feed. It takes from \$10 up these days to feed any kind of a chicken.

## More Silver Is Needed.

THE silver shortage is so pronounced that it has become alarming. Nothing is more urgent than the immediate production of silver in the United States. The scarcity of this metal is even threatening our silver coinage. Already the melting down of our subsidiary coins has begun and reports have been made from supposedly authentic sources that large shipments of silver bricks made from melted coins are being made to the silver standard countries of the orient where the silver famine is even greater than it is here.

The value of silver at this writing is \$1.33 1-3 an ounce. A silver dollar contains 425 grains of silver. There are 480 grains of silver in an ounce. Consequently the silver in a dollar is worth slightly more than \$1.14 1-2. The government is taking steps to prevent the melting of silver down into bullion. But the increased production of silver will do more to prevent what the government fears than anything else.

There are many causes for the shortage of silver. In the first place much of it was destroyed during the war. Secondly, many nations, due to a shortage of gold production, have withdrawn this more valuable metal from circulation and substituted silver thus increasing the demand for it. Newly organized governments of Europe are wanting silver for coinage. China and India are absorbing large amounts of silver and when it goes into these countries it usually stays. Most countries have placed an embargo on silver exports.

In addition to those causes the buying power of silver is decidedly less than it used to be, making the amount required greater.

Increased silver production will mean much to El Paso and the southwest. Up in the Lordsburg, New Mexico, district it is believed silver ore is to be found in highly paying quantities. The annual production of silver according to a recent report is only 150,000,000 ounces while 250,000,000 ounces are demanded. If the southwest would get busy and supply its quota of this demand it would mean dollars in our pockets. It also would save a trying situation for the treasury department.

Considering how much money Juarez gets out of El Paso, the Mexican city could afford to sell us sugar when we need it, if we are willing to pay a good price for it.

If at first you don't succeed, try again. If after two or three times you don't succeed, try something else.

Good roads show that good people live in the state that has them. New Mexico has lots of good roads.

Hanging profiteers as attorney general Palmer advises is fair enough. But who will pull the rope?

Too rashly charged the troops of error, and remain as trophies unto the enemies of truth.

—Sir Thomas Browne.

## Little Interviews.

### El Paso-Phoenix Automobile Race Attracted Much Attention In East and Is Causing Tourists To Travel Borderland Road

THE El Paso-Phoenix automobile race, which attracted so much attention from people away from here that it is heading many tourists over the borderland route, said C. A. Orr, a garage man of Phoenix, who was mechanic of the winning car. He is in El Paso on business. "Many people come to our garage," he continued, "and tell us that such good time was made over the road by the racers they decided to quit the north-west route and come this way. One party of five cars broke up at Socorro, north of El Paso, and three of the cars came south over the borderland instead of continuing over the northern route, as was originally planned."

"Harvey Oldfield said a great deal of interest was aroused in the east over the El Paso-Phoenix race," said Robert H. Hunsbarger, referee of the race, suggesting that Orr had said "Oldfield said it the race is run again a number of specially-built cars will be entered in it from the east. He said they had no such big money to be made in the race; they did not know we had had up such big prizes. Oldfield said all the racing fans watched the results of the race and were elated at the fact time made. He said the race would undoubtedly bring many tourists this way, as the good time made in the 'race' would make the traveling enthusiast want to try out the road himself."

"One reason why it was necessary to raise the tax rate from \$1.50 to \$2.00," said Orr, "is that this year the tax levy for the schools is 55 cents, which is a record."

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## THE MAN WITH THE LIMP

By AHMED ABDULLAH

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On the evening of the murder of one of the McLean-Kerr's German books, I have refused to answer that question. I refuse now. I shall always refuse—without an explanation of any sort. And that applies to you, too, Angela. He walked up to her, his hand on her shoulder. "Promises me, child, that you will not answer this question, ever, unless I give you permission."

"I cannot," she said. "I have been in all the papers, with all sorts of comments. Some try to be decent, try to explain the matter. But they all think the same thing. They all will suspect me of this horrible crime."

"Lorraine drew her head. 'That is just why you must be careful. If you do not answer on the books tonight, people will say that you are afraid, and will conclude that you are guilty. It's human nature, you know. You must never forget that your brother was a clean, honorable gentleman, who died an honorable death.'

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# The Old Family Album

By G. A. MARTIN.

MRS. A. W. POSTER, ex-president of the El Paso Woman's club and ex-president of the Woman's Aid society of the First Presbyterian church, is shown in the accompanying picture, at the age of five years. It was made in the old New England home, Mrs. Poster having been born at North Andover, Me. She was Miss Katharine Belle Spaulding. She attended and graduated from Anson academy, an old school in her native town, and later graduated from Maine Wesleyan college at Ken's Hill, Me. The second oldest girls' college in the United States.

Mrs. Poster came here with Mr. Poster in October, 1902, and they have been active citizens of the city since that time. Mrs. Poster has been president of the Woman's club, first vice president, second vice president, chairman of the social committee (4 years), and chairman of the press committee (2 years). She has been twice president of the Woman's Aid society of the First Presbyterian church, with an interval of ten years between. She is at present serving as first vice president.

During the war, Mrs. Poster worked on all the local committees and was especially active in the work of the home service division of the Red Cross. She gave this branch of the work suitable assistance as a volunteer nurse during the influenza epidemic last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Poster are the proud parents of a young son, who is a second lieutenant in the air service of the army, now located at Fort Omaha, Neb. He graduated from the University of California at the age of 21 and was commissioned in the army at the age of 22.

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